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there are others who pushed the things on the UNL campus, who push the things on the UNO campus. I think that they can all be justified. Not everyone of them. But, if any new building or facility is justified on any of the campuses, this one is certainly justified at Peru. On a lot of these issues that are in outlying areas, I don't say that much because my opinion is not authoritative, but when I can be shown as I have been and convinced to the extent that I have been convinced that the facility out there is as bad as it is, I don't have to live there to know that. I don't have to be from that area to ask for something better than this be given to the students. I feel a responsibility as a member of this legislature when we represent not just areas of the state, but the people of the state I feel a responsibility to cast a vote in behalf of retaining this promise that the Legislature has held to this school this entire session. I suggest that we defeat Senator Rasmussen's motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President, members of the legislature as a matter of information and recommendation to the members of this body, being an alumnus of Peru, having attended there from 1963 to 1967, there is no doubt in my mind that the capital construction expenditure is certainly needed at Peru State. There is no doubt in my mind that it is certainly serving all of southeast Nebraska. Several months back I was told by a person close to Peru State that the projected enrollment at Peru State for the next three to five years was going to drop significantly and they felt that it would not be in the best interest of the tax payers in this state to continue to pour money into Peru with the enrollment figures being as they were. I became concerned and looked into it. I talked to the President of Peru State College and other officials there at Peru State and I have been assured that the projected enrollment at Peru State over the next three to five years with the expenditure of funds, we'll see a significant increase of the student population there at Peru State. I think that it is a worthwhile venture and certainly a worthwhile project that needs to be started there at Peru State and I arise to certainly not support the Rasmussen amendment, but certainly can understand some of the apprehensions that you might have. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body. Two years ago I gave an address to a group of people at the Kellogg Center about education futures and I mentioned Peru. But, I did not at that time ever mention the fact that Peru would discontinue its mission in education. Therefore, I want to assure my good friend Senator Venditte and Senator Merz that I too am very (inaudible) in education and would hope that this building would enhance the quality of education.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis. Frank Lewis.